Milk and Milk Products Order

2066. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the milk and milk products order was recently struck down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on a petition field by a private milk products factory in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the judgement in full to identify the shortcomings in the MMPO; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The High Court of Delhi has not struck down Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992. The High Court has, however, quashed Delhi (Milk and Milk Product) Control Order 1992 dated 3-10-1992 and Delhi (Milk and Milk Product) Control Order 1993 dated 1-1-1993 promulgated under the Milk and Milk Product Order 1992. The Government has decided to appeal against the orders of the High Court of Delhi.

Operation Flood-III

2067. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Operation Flood-III (1987—94) cost about 915.00 crores, if so, which are the internal|external agencies financing the project indicating whether Protocol has been signed by the Government of India with any of such outside organisation;

(b) what is the number of dairy Co-operative Societies Organised in 1992-93 indicating average quantity of milk per day procured/processed for consumption in the country;

(c) whether Government of India formulated any new schemes|issued guidelines in the field of Dairy Development in the country for the guidance of State Governments|Union Territory; and

(d) the details thereof particularly for Rajasthan and Orissa States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Protocol was signed on 25th March, 1988 between European Economic Community (EEC) and Government of India for supply of 75,000 MT of skimmed milk powder and 25,000 MT of butteroil to be delivered over the seven year period of Operation Flood III. Besides, Development Credit Agreement and Loan Agreement were also signed by the Government of India with the International Development Association (IDA) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) on 13th January, 1988 for financial assistance to the tune of 121.2 million Special Drawing Rights and US $ 200 million respectively.

(b) About 64,600 Anand Pattern dairy Cooperative Societies have been organised upto December, 1992. These societies procured on an average 105.28 lakh kg. of milk per day during 1992-93.

(c) and (d) A Central Sector Integrated Dairy Development Scheme for Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and backward areas has been included for implementation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The Government of Orissa has submitted a project proposal for implementation of dairy development programme in the non operation Flood districts of Koraput, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Sundergarh, Phulbani, Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Bolangir with an outlay of Rs. 11.40 crores during Eighth Five Year Plan for a period of 5 years. No project proposal has been received from the State Government of Rajasthan.

Use of Agriculture Inputs in the Country

2068. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total cost of agriculture inputs used in the country each year; and

(b) the details of agriculture inputs used for the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) As per the National Accounts Statistics, the total cost of agriculture inputs for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (latest available) at current prices has been estimated to be as under :

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Cost of Agriculture/inputs
1988-89	31876
1989-90	34036
1990-91	38713

(b) The details of some of the available agriculture inputs for the three years from 1988-89 to 1990-91 are given below :

Details of agriculture inputs	Cost (Rs. in Crore)		
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1. Seed	3192	3621	4287
2. Organic manure	1755	1926	2156
3. Chemical fert.	5752	6062	6398
4. Irrigation Charges	270	246	267
5. Pesticides & Insect.	621	548	488
6. Current repairs, maintenance of fixed assets etc.	2303	2644	3019
7. Feed of Livestock	14891	15541	17904
8. Electricity	636	755	645

News-item Captioned "Pepper Cultivators in Dire Straits"

2069. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Pepper Cultivators in dire straits" appeared in Hindu on 20th April, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that the subsistence farmers are resorting to illegal ganja cultivation in the hills of Kerala to survive the economic crisis;

(c) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to help the pepper farmers to sustain non-remunerative pepper cultivation ; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in negative, whether Government would conduct study and initiate schemes in order to help pepper cultivators and to prevent them turning to ganja cultivation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Report is called for from Government of Kerala.